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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES FUNDING FOR FOUNTAIN CREEK PROJECT STUDY

\$250,000 for regional flood control study

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), member of the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, on Tuesday announced that he has secured \$250,000 for the Fountain Creek watershed flood control project in the FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

“Fountain Creek has for several years been among my top energy and water funding priorities, so I am pleased we once again have secured money for this important project,” Senator Allard said.

“I have been seeking federal support for the Fountain Creek watershed project since major flooding occurred in 1999, causing approximately \$100 million in damages,” Senator Allard said. “What is needed is a detailed analysis of flood control, erosion and sedimentation in the Fountain Creek watershed, and I believe it warrants environmental restoration on a regional scale, addressing the 150 miles of Fountain Creek and its tributaries.”

“My office has been in constant contact with the Army Corps of Engineers, urging them to move this study along,” the Senator added. “The Corps re-programmed an additional \$200,000 toward completion of the study this year, so \$250,000 in next year’s appropriation will allow us to go forward to determine exactly what needs to be done on Fountain Creek.”

“To adequately address this problem, the study needs to focus on not only Colorado Springs, but the area of southern Colorado that has been adversely impacted, as well,” the Senator said.

Senator Allard already has secured more than \$1.061 million in funding for the Fountain Creek project since 2002. The full Senate is expected to vote on this funding by the end of this month.

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